

LB 638. Now some of the opponents of this bill I am sure will argue that other bills can be amended to do similar things, can allocate this \$6 million and that is true. However, I think it should be a separate issue. I do not think we should hang it on another bill which will then have two subject matters, in essence, and I think this proposal should stand on its own. I ask you to support raising LB 638 from committee.

PRESIDENT: Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. President, reluctantly I rise to oppose the Lamb motion but, Mr. President, there are two or three things that we ought to discuss and we might as well get them out in the open now. Senator Lamb, of course, has distributed to all of you showing how much money you would gain. He said that if you spend \$55 million over the current \$49 million, you will make a little extra money on it. Senator Lamb is absolutely correct. But let's get down to the real cutting, any bill that passes this time for distribution of funds during this year is going to have to have 33 votes and you understand that. You have got to have the emergency clause. A number of us are attempting to work out those kinds of arrangements to protect as many people as we can under the current situation. Now I am not going to get into who knew what and at what time. We all know that. Governor Brauer knew that and all his associates. Howard Lamb knew that because Howard Lamb was one of the known leaders in this Legislature and it was clear but I don't want to get into those issues but I simply want to put it to you like this. First of all, the issue is going to have to be resolved. It is going to have to be resolved with 33 votes. Now if you want to throw this out here, have at it, but let me explain a couple of things right now. Senator Lamb has distributed information. Senator Lamb has told the people from Lincoln you are going to get more money. You are right, if we appropriate \$49 million instead of the \$55 we have available. If we take the \$6 million and do it on an ADM basis, the same as Senator Lamb is doing with ten and you add what Lincoln gets out of 448, Senator Luedtke, Senator Lamb is offering you a deal you can refuse, \$168,000 less for Lincoln under the Lamb distribution. Now for the Omaha people, Senator Lamb has said those of you in Omaha, you are going to get \$700,000. Again it was a slight omission on the part of Senator Lamb, a slight omission, telling you, yes, you can get more money at \$55 million than you can at \$49, but if you take the \$55 million, if you take the \$55 million and distribute it, fully funding 448, \$6 million ADM, Senator Lamb has offered those from Omaha a deal they can't refuse unless they want to lose money. Omaha would lose under the Lamb proposal \$302,294. So Senator Lamb has brought forward a proposal and they're similar dollar losses. Senator Rumerv, you mentioned yours. Obviously, if we take another \$6 million and do it ADM, obviously, North Platte is going to come out ahead and I will have those figures for you. It is a numbers game and Senator Lamb is taking up the seat of my old opponent, Senator Whitney, who used to sit over there and play that same game. In fact, I was looking over there to see if he had the same shell that Senator Whitney used to keep so he could put the pea under them but I suppose those have long worn out. So Senator Lamb is starting himself a new